

**Amendments to the specification**

**Page 1, lines 4-7, replace the text in its entirety with the following:**

This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/521,125 filed March 7, 2000, pending, which is a Continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/945,146 filed October 17, 1997, abandoned, which is the U.S. national phase of PCT/E96/00705 filed April 18, 1996, which claims priority to German patent application serial number 195 14 420.1 filed April 19, 1995

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